

# ANECDOTES AND COMMENT ABOUT DIVERS SPORTING TOPICS

## HOME RUN HAGGERTY TELLS OF LINERS

Tells of Marvelous Drive Which Caused Ball to Make Triple Play All by Itself—Caromed From One Man to Another Until All Were Out and Pennant Lost—So Much for Following Orders.

"I WAS readin' a newspaper's account of a ball game the other day, an' a long an' crowded train of recollections was started whoopin' it up by this here sentence: 'Slinger Binkens ended all hopes of winning by hitting into a double play.'"

"Just that. No more, no less. I dunno this here Slinger Binkens man an' don't care if he never made a safe hit in his life, but the manner of his undoing, as Reggie says, is what interests me. He hit into a double play."

"And yet that ain't remarkable. It's been done in an' day out, I s'pose, in all the games in all the leagues of this broad land. An' a stinkin' drive into the infield got scooped up, passed to another man on another bag, an' it was all over—applause an' back slappin' for one crowd an' curses an' sass for the other as the crowd walks out, an' the combined pity an' curses of the hull mob for the poor guy who walks to the dressing room with his head down after hittin' into a double play w'en he tried his best."

### Some Recollections.

"The surgin' train of recollections that that sentence aroused in me makes me talk like this. An' the start of the ball business brings me back, to one mornin' on the porch of the Alfalfa House. I was smokin' an' thinkin' when Josh Haggerty came out an' says, 'Peter.'"

"Now when Josh calls me Peter I know there's somethin' comin', an' I know what it was about. In the game the day before I had got up with a man on third in the ninth inning, an' with two gone, an' had tried for a homer an' had been careless an' hit under the ball an' the leftfielder had ketcht it after a run. That was what he wanted to talk to me about. So he says, 'Peter.'"

### To Peter.

"An' I says, 'Yes, sir.' 'Peter,' says he, 'hereafter w'en you get up in the ninth with two men down an' a man on third an' a run needin' to be made, I want you to remember o' your ball kinner feat,' says he. 'I want you to line her out of the infield just enough to git that man home an' you safe on first,' says he, 'an' then I'll worry about hittin' the winnin' run. I'll do the worryin' about that,' says he. 'But no more of the worryin'. You kin try for homers w'en the score ain't close,' says he, 'but for heaven's sake, just line 'em out enough to git your man home when we need a single run.' 'Protestin' wouldn't a done any good with Josh; he's so headstrong; so I said never a word an' I determined to line 'em out after that all the time—not one in the ninth inning, but all the time—an' see how he liked it."

"The pitcher against us the next day was Red McCormick, an' I caught the first ball he pitched on the end of the bat an' sent it right back at him."

### Breaking Up Things.

"He didn't have time to dodge—just sort of shrunk, with the scariest look on his mug you ever see—an' the ball plowed through his beautiful auburn locks an' took half of 'em with it. It left him with a furrow in his hair, an' when the skin healed up it was always bald."

"The next day I knocked two fingers off a good shortstop who put his hands up for a drive, an' the next day a terrific grounder I drove out took a pair o' shoes an' a big toe off of Bill Haghit, the Sorrells' third baseman. I hit Steve Harris, o' the Russells, over the heart with a drive, an' he was unconscious for two days, an' it unnerved me so that I fouled out the next afternoon—somethin' I'd never been known to do before."

"Another thing. The Alfalfa ball grounds' diamond had always been nice, shaven turf, just like a cushion. But after I'd been sendin' them rife shots out for a few days there come long, brown lines, through it where the ball had burned the grass off; an' it got so bad after a week that they had to skin the diamond, an' then my drives roughened it up so it looked like a plowed field, an' the infielders on both sides kicked 'cause it made 'em make errors. 'But it wasn't always fun for us to watch the other side git the hard knocks from my raps. One day Pinch Hobbs was on first an' me up, an' we needed the run, an' Josh says: 'Remember, now, keep 'em low,' an' Pinch got a running start, an' I jammed the first ball. It near telescoped the pitcher, an' the next mornin'—r-r-r-r! It had tore second base from its moorings an' the centerfielder went into center with it. The centerfielder couldn't git the ball out the bag, an' Pinch an' I ran all the way home. And then there came a shock. The umpire called us both out for not touchin' second base!"

### Josh Snorts.

"'Hold on,' says Josh, sprin' for the umpire, for that decision made the game for us. 'How in this here livin' world do you expect them players o' mine to tech second when it's plastered on to the ground out in center-field? What would you a' said if they had run out an' touched us bag an' then went on to third from there? Eh?' says he."

"I'd call 'em out for runnin' out o' line o' base,' says the umpire. 'Josh snorted. 'Good heavens to gosh an' back again,' says he. 'Talk about goin' down to Jericho an' fallin' among thieves,' says he. 'This here is the worst open an' sure game I ever see.' says he. 'Where do we come in,' says he, 'on a decision like that? We git a man to first; we have a man soak the ball for at least a two-bagger, an' you call 'em both out.'"

### His Decision.

"'Can't help it,' says the umpire. 'My decision's right and it goes. What you want to do is to tell Haggerty not to drive 'em on the ground or liners any more,' says he. 'Have him hit 'em out like he used to. Then everything would be safe, an' you wouldn't have the bags gettin' knocked out the lot.' 'Even that warnin' didn't do no good to Josh, an' he kep' tellin' me to keep 'em low. So I kep' 'em low. 'It was gettin' near the end of the

season and it happened that the game the next day was the decidin' one in the series with the Hayvilles. In addition to wantin' to win it for the help it would be in gettin' the pennant, Josh had bet a lot on beatin' the Hayvilles in the series, an' this game would do it."

### Great Bating.

"That was a great batin' game. The teams jumped on to each other's pitchers early and never let up. My first time up I drove out a liner so fast it busted the mitt off of McGarry, the Hayvilles' first base, an' the ball went into the bleachers an' I got a homer. 'The next time up I drove it down the left field foul line. It hit right on it an' should 'a' been called a foul; but the ball was going so tarnation hot it just burned up the foul line in smoke as it zipped along it, an' the umpire o' course had to call it fair an' I got a three-bagger. I made grass burners the rest of the game, an' got hits each time, an' finally it came to our half o' the ninth, an' us one run behind."

### Lost His Nerve.

"An' right there the Hayville pitcher lost his nerve. Amid such hooting and hollering and yelling as were going on there, you couldn't blame him much, but anyway, he passed the first three men to first on balls. 'There they were,' Pinch layin' off third. Sam Merritt off second, and Pete Brown off first. An' I was up. A hit would bring in two runs an' win the game."

## Few Youngsters Make Good With the Majors

Promising Minor League Talent Can Seldom Stand Pace in Fast Company—Small Number Successful This Year.

The fact that the major league clubs are now busily engaged in signing up minor leaguers for next year brings to mind the fact that of the unusually large number of youngsters tried out last spring by the American and National League teams only a comparative few made good.

A man may look like the real thing in a minor league, but more often than not he acts like an amateur when he gets into fast company. Sometimes he will start out like a race horse and then die away before the quarter pole is reached. Of course there are exceptions. Take for instance Miller Huggins, the clever young second baseman of the Reds. He made a flying start and has not fallen down all season. Catcher Schell of the Reds is another such player. Devlin and McCormick of the Giants are two more.

### Comiskey Lucky.

Then take it in the American League. There seems to be no better pitcher in the league than Frank Smith, the young right-hander that Comiskey got from Birmingham in the Southern League. Comiskey also made a find when he picked up Dundon, his second baseman. McAleer got a good one in Pitcher Glade, while Detroit was lucky when it secured Outfielder McIntyre. Turner has made good with Cleveland, although his batting has been rather weak for the last few weeks in consequence of his serious illness, which threatened to keep him out of the game all year.

Clarke Griffith found a star backup in Kleknow, while Osteen more than came up to expectations as a utility man. Danny Hoffman, secured a year ago, has proved to be one of the Athletics' star hitters, and Infielder Mullin also did fairly well in substiting for different players. Washington picked up a star twirler in Jacobson, while Jake Stahl and Shortstop Cassidy are comers soon enough.

### Dozens Failed.

Upon the other hand, where these few have made good, dozens have fallen by the wayside. Cleveland took a number of youngsters South and of the number Turner was the only one retained aside from Hess, who might also be termed an experiment. The others were Rossman, Pastor, O'Hara, Curtiss, Hickey and Schwartz. Chicago let out Pitchers Dougherty and Stricklett, Outfielders Morgan and Quinn, and Pitcher Perry and Second Basemen Burns were the only youngsters turned loose by Detroit, but then Detroit did not have many experiments.

The three leading Eastern teams did not throw out their line for young blood to any extent, and, consequently, there have not been many releases in that section. New York farmed out Thoney, however, and released Pitcher Bliss.

### Mack Found Three.

Philadelphia's only youngsters were Hoffman, Mullin, Bruce, Barthold, and Pinnance, and the first three are still on Connie Mack's payroll. Boston had but two youngsters, Outfielder O'Neil and Catcher Doran, O'Neil being traded to Washington for Selbach. Washington has used no less than twenty-four players this season, but of the lot Outfielder Hoffman and Pitcher Mason were the only youngsters who failed to make good.

### These Are Good.

Catcher—Kleknow, New York. Pitchers—Smith, Chicago; Walsh, Chicago; Glade, St. Louis; Jacobson, Washington. First base—Jake Stahl, Washington. Second base—Dundon, Chicago. Shortstop—Turner, Cleveland. Third base—Cassidy, Washington. Left field—McIntyre, Detroit. Center field—Hoffman, Philadelphia. Right field—Hynes, St. Louis. The last named is a recent acquisition of the Browns, but he looks like a future. His batting is above the average and his fielding fair.

"Remember," says Josh, as I took my bat, 'don't pop up any flies now. They might make a double play.' 'So I topped up to the para determined to keep 'em low, I let 'em go by, and then give an everlastin' slam on the next one."

### Crowded Minute.

"The tollin' minute was a crowded one. Pete had started for second. Sam for third, and Pinch for home with the crack of my bat. I was diggin' for first when I heard a shout, an' saw Pete give a yell an' throw up his hands an' a white streak flashed off him an' glanced across the diamond and ketcht Sam Merritt on the right shoulder blade, an' then glanced again an' started after the scuddin' Pinch, who was most home."

"It was the ball, an' it was makin' a triple play by hittin' three base runners an' puttin' 'em out the game!"

"Alas! I was just roundin' first as it got Pinch—nipped him right at the plate. The umpire called 'em all out, the Hayvilles got the game, got the money, an' eventually beat us out for the pennant."

"An' that cured Josh o' havin' me hit 'em low. Now I hit as I like. That's why the feller that hit into the double play has my sympathy. He may be under orders, too."

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land a week ago that nine-tenths of the youngsters that looked good were not as skillful players as the men that they were expected to replace. "I had an instance of this," said Comiskey. "I picked up young Mullin, the star hitter of Manhattan college, two other American League teams being behind him. He had a batting average of about .500 and a fielding average that would cast the records of Parent and Wallace in the shade. And he had been up against good pitchers, too, his team having played several exhibition games with big league clubs."

The Fall of Mullin. "Well, I had him on the bench for a while, or until we reached St. Louis, when the first trip. I told Monte Cross that he could take a rest. Monte went to the bench and Mullin to short. Well, two days later I told Monte that I wanted him in the game again. I have also looked over several other youngsters, but I have yet to find one that I think could take Monte's place, in spite of the fact that the latter has been in the shade for seventeen years. Show me a player in any league that can whip them over to first from deep short with a single, who does. Of course, he makes errors. Who doesn't? But day in and day out Monte is there with the head and the playing ability."

## BELDAME HAILED AS GREATEST MARE

Has Demonstrated Right to Be Called Queen.

To Beldame, fleet and fair, stanch and steadfast, we make obeisance, says one enthusiast. The greatest mare of her years, the history of the American turf, and probably the greatest in a century on either side of the water, she has demonstrated her right to be called queen.

With but one defeat against her this year, and that far from being a disgraceful one, this brilliant daughter of Octagon and Bella Donna in the Saratoga Cup stamped herself as one of the kind that will go down in history along with those other heroes of the turf and heroes in the great race itself.

The aged thoroughbred enthusiast will look back to the days of Harry Bassett and Longfellow, Parole and Brant, Springbok and Peckham, Thora and Ochiltree and a host of others. Let him do so, for his stories are interesting, and when the flight of time has brought us as far upon life's journey as he has advanced, too, will find delight in recalling the turf struggles of our younger years.

### Name Stands Out.

One of the names that will stand out in Beldame. Even the luster-lined performances of the great Imp, of Firenze, of Miss Woodford and of Yorkville Belle will be dimmed when she is called to mind.

According to the weight-for-age scale, this great filly received no favors from the horses of mature years who went out to battle for the Saratoga Cup with her. She asked no favors from the younger goods, and showed her ability to negotiate bad going as well as good. She ran the fourteen furlongs of the Saratoga Cup distance in 2:04.5, good time, considering the track conditions.

For Nelson, Bennington, in whose name and colors Beldame ran and won, it was a great day. Perhaps the only regret which came to him after Beldame's victory was that this wonderful mare is not his sole property. But to August Belmont must come the keener satisfaction of seeing an animal bred by himself and reared in his Nursery Stud race to such a victory.

It was a notable day for Octagon, whose best offering Beldame is, as well. Preceding the Saratoga Cup, Woodway, a Belmont-bred colt, won the United States Hotel Stakes, a race in which many a two-year-old that achieved greater things later in his career has shown promise.

## O'LEARY CHASED TO THE WOODS

Reform Wave Too Much for Bookmaker.

## HASN'T CHANGED VIEWS

Still Thinks Square Gambling All Right, and May Resume Later. Has \$1,000 Per Month.

"Say, fellows, I'm handing out a little tip that's straight and you'll play it if you're wise. The Citizen's Association is in Chicago with the goods; it is here to stay."

"Reform is in the stretch, fresh as a daisy, with Harrison up, and it's a cinch bet at 100 to 1 that it is going to push the rest of the field off the board."

"That's the situation in Chicago in a word and the quicker you realize it the greater the distance you're putting between yourselves and the Cook County Jail."

In this characteristic estimate of gambling prospects in Chicago Jim O'Leary greeted personal friends and gamblers who flocked to congratulate him on his good fortune when Judge Clifford instructed the jury trying him for alleged gambling to return a verdict of not guilty.

### Off to the Woods.

"Now listen," he continued. "You fellows can take all the chances that you think you like, but as for me, I'm going to Benton Harbor, where there's a wife and six little children waiting for me. I'm clean on the books, there's nothing against me, and it will be a long time before there will be."

"That doesn't mean I've changed my views any. I've always been a gambler and I believe in gambling so long as it's conducted on the level. I've never done anything that's made me ashamed to go home to my family, but the laws are on the books and the reformers are on top of the heap. I'm not going to stick and be the fall guy."

Nearly a "Fall Guy." "I don't mind telling you I came very near being one at that. I was in the wrong on these charges that I was against me. I saw this dark cloud of reform coming a long way off and I

## Ancient Irish Games Revived in New York

The 2,951st Celebration of the Tailtin Festival Will Be Held on Labor Day—Throwing the Javelin a Feature.

At Celtic Park, on Labor Day, the Greater New York Irish A. A. will hold its second annual renewal of the Tailtin Games, Ireland's ancient athletic festival.

This will be the 2,951st celebration of these games, the 2,950th having been held by the association last Labor Day. As the event last year was a decided success and proved very interesting, the officials of the Irish organization have decided to make it an annual fixture.

The athletic events that will make up the program for the coming celebration are as follows: One hundred yards run, handicap; 200 yards run, handicap; 400 yards run, novice; three-quarter mile run, handicap; running hop, step and jump, or

two hops and jump, hand up, throwing the javelin, the 25-pound weight, handup, limited to five feet; throwing the 16-pound hammer, handup, limited to twenty-five feet; throwing the 56-pound weight, unlimited run and follow, to eight feet, and a two-mile step-lehase, scratch.

There will also be games of hurling and Gaelic football, as well as championship contests at hornpipe, reel and jig dancing, the dancing to be held under the auspices of the Philo Celtic Society.

The prizes will be unusually handsome and costly. The first prize will be a solid gold watch; second prize a solid gold medal, and third prize a sterling silver medal. Entries will close August 23 with John J. McHugh, 412 East Fifty-eighth Street, New York city.

## CLEVELAND BUYS VINSON FROM PROVIDENCE CLUB

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Aug. 27.—The Cleveland American League team management has purchased from the Providence club Ernest Vinson, leftfielder, for the sum of \$2,500. Vinson will finish the season here, joining Cleveland in spring. He leads the Eastern League batmen.

## DREYFUSS BLOCKED RAIN CHECK GAME

Speculators Were Doing a Thriving Business.

## REDEEMED AT BOX OFFICE

Pittsburg Treasurer Pays Face Value for Checks, and There Is No Reason to Sell.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 27.—"A quarter for your rain check!" A tall young man dressed in blue serge passed among the people as they filed from the grandstand at Exposition Park a few days ago, and to each he made the offer.

"A quarter for your rain check!" Announcement had just been made that the rain had caused a postponement of the double-header which the Pittsburg and New York clubs were to have played, and the young man in blue was trying to buy up the rain checks at half and one-third their value.

"Say, young man," puffed a fat individual, as he placed his rain check carefully in his pocket, "you had better look out—the Woggle Bug might bite you and then you couldn't sell the checks for which you have paid your good money. You are too generous by far."

He Vamoose. Just then a policeman came upon the scene and told the blue-clad speculator in wet goods, otherwise rain checks, that if he did not vamoose there would be something doing. He vamoose.

It had come to the knowledge of President Dreyfuss and Secretary Locke that a number of shrewd financiers had been in the habit of buying up rain checks every time a game was prevented by dampness, and they issued orders that the practice stop, accompanying the order with the statement that the club would redeem the checks.

In spite of the offers of the speculators the people decided to hold to their checks, and while more than 3,000 people had entered the park before the weather man got in his work, only 156 took advantage of the offer of the club to redeem tickets at their face value. "Rain checks are good for any game," said Secretary Locke, "but if anyone wants money back he can get it at the box office. We are determined to break up the practice of speculation if we can."

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Sanitary Iron Folding Couch, national spring construction, forms very comfortable bed when opened. Sold for \$3.00. Wind-up Price, \$4.48

High-grade Bedroom Suites at Wind-up Prices.

This very massive, elegantly carved, Bedroom Suite; double swivel dresser and washstand, full quartered oak, and very highly polished, with extra large French beveled plate mirror. A suite that sold for \$50.00. Wind-up Price, \$61.50

A Solid Golden Oak Suite; shaped French plate mirror; large case; cast-brass trimmings; bed is very heavy and seven feet long. Sold for \$30.00. Wind-up Price, \$20.50

Special for Tuesday only—1,000 yards of Best Quality Japanese and China Matting (IN SMALL REMNANTS ONLY), which sold up to 25c yard. As long as they last, yard, 5c

Special for Tuesday only—5,000 yards of Best-grade Floor Oilcloth, in remnants of from 2 to 8 yards; worth from 25c to 50c. Tuesday only, 10c

Wind-up Reduction in Parlor Furniture.

Five-piece Parlor Suite, mahogany finished frame shaped French legs, covered in silk damask or silk verona and the very finest construction. Backs of all chairs and sofa are hand-tufted and fully upholstered in spring. Sold for \$55. Wind-up Price, \$42.50

A five-piece, tufted back, full spring silk Tapestry Suite that was marked \$38. Now, \$27.75

Beautiful American cut glass Salt and Pepper Shaker, full nickel-plated and nicely cut; worth 10c. Wind-up Price, 3c

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This 5-inch roll quartered Oak highly polished Sideboard, 24 by 30 mirror, new style swelled and elegantly carved and sold for \$40. Wind-up Price, \$27.50

Solid oak double French bent end glass China Cabinet; has carved ornament on back and guaranteed dust-proof door. Sold for \$25 Wind-up Price, \$14.50

Five patterns of ever fine Mahogany Reception Chairs; upholstered in all-silk damask and imported verona (sold up to \$18). Your choice, \$9.75

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